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SUBJ: GOVT OF QATAR/SHELL AGREEMENT ON 100 PERCENT TAKEOVER

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1. ON DEC 12, GOQ MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PETROLEUM, SHAYKH
ABDUL AZIZ BIN KHALIFA AL THANI, PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED THAT GOVT
AND SHELL/QATAR HAD REACHED "PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT" ON 100
PERCENT TAKEOVER OF COMPANY BY GOVT. ACCORDING ANNOUNCE-
MENT, IT WAS EXPECTED THAT "FINAL" AGREEMENT WOULD BE SIGNED EARLY
IN JANUARY.

2. DURING DEC 12 CONVERSATION, ABDUL AZIZ TOLD AMB THAT GOQ
HAD REJECTED SHELL'S FIRSGUQG POSAL, BUT THAT COMPANY HAD COME
BACK WITH A MORE REASONABLE POSITION WHICH SHOULD LEAD TO
FINAL AGREEMENT EARLY NEXT YEAR.

3. COMPANY SOURCES HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY HAD BEEN SURPRISED
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BY GOQ'S SUDDEN SUMMONING NEGOTIATORS TO DOHA FOR MEETINGS WHICH

BEGAN DEC 10, AND THEY CONFIRMED THAT PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT
REACHED EVENING OF DEI 12. THESE SOURCES MADE IT VERY CLEAR
THAT AGREEMENT WAS INDEED PRELIMINARY AND THERE WAS MUCH TO
BE WORKED OUT. THEY OPINED THAT GOQ'S HURRY-UP TACTICS WERE
DESIGNED TO PRODUCE COSMETIC RESULT IN TIME FOR OPEC MINISTERIAL
BEGINNING IN DOHA DEC 15.

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